

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2012 at 7.30pm
IN THE UNITED REFORM CHURCH MANOR ROAD**

Present

Councillors: Mrs Blackburn (Chairman), C.Elwood (Vice Chairman), Mrs M.Simmons, M.Lawrence, Mrs C.Codd, Mrs J Geer, B Edwards and R Benoy.

Parish Clerk: Mrs S. Denne.

Also present: Cllr Webb, Press and Public.

1. Apologies for absence –Cllr J Davies on holiday, Cllr P. Wauchope work commitments and Cllr J Clark work commitments

2. Declaration of Interests – Cllr Barry Edwards has a non-pecuniary interest in item 9

3. Declarations of Lobbying -None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October 2012 were agreed.

5. Session for Borough Councillors – *Councillor Webb* – wished to thank all involved with the bonfire event, which he helped marshal, and said it was a great success.

He informed the meeting that at last Rusthall Memorial had received planning permission but now required grants and donations to restore it.

He had also received a complaint from a Cranwell Road flat resident that the compensation the flat tenants had been offered for rehousing was £2200 but on the government website and the Maidstone Council website it appeared to be £4700. He informed the Parish Council that he would look into it.

6. Public Open session – A member of the public asked if the parish Council would consider a grit bin being bought for the Cottington Drive area. The Parish Council will look into it.

Cllr Blackburn went on to thank The Venture for the donation of two snow shovels. She also informed the meeting to look at the KCC highways website, as it gives information with regards to roads that are to be gritted during the winter.

7. Planning Committee– The report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee (Councillor Edwards) set out the Parish Council’s statutory responses to one application which had been received since the last meeting. The Planning Committee had recommended approval by Officer delegated powers for the application. However, the following comment was made:-

“This tree, of no consequence should have been felled during the site development, bearing in mind its situation within a very small garden plot. With the installation of a garden shed, it is interfering with the opening of the doors and impeding further development of the garden.”

8. Speed watch – Cllr Blackburn informed the Parish Council that Cllr Simmons, Cllr Edwards, and she attended a speedwatch carried out by 2 police officers and Gemma Pepper the (PCSO). Three cars were stopped for speeding, just over the speed limit. She informed the Parish Council that there would be a meeting Thursday evening where training would be given to councillors, if they so wished, on how to use the equipment. This was in order that Rusthall Parish Council could carry out community speed watches.

9. Rusthall Community & Youth Project – Mike Bassett, Chairman of the RCYP spoke to the Parish Council about future funding for the club. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has withdrawn their funding for 2013/2014 and he is therefore looking elsewhere for a grant. He gave a synopsis on how the project is run and the activities offered to the youngsters. He requested that the Parish Council consider giving a grant to the project in the next financial year and for some of them to join the committee or become trustees. He informed the meeting that there are only four people on the committee at the moment and that it could do with eight. He also said that he was concerned about the project losing its charity status. After various questions from Parish Councillors, Mr Bassett was requested to supply the Parish Council with the core costs of the project in order that they could consider his request for a grant.

10. Requests for Grants – The Fete and Bonfire Committee have requested a grant from the Parish Council, of £206.39 for high viz jackets. The Parish Council agreed to grant them £206.39

11. Localism Act – Community Assets List – Parish Council to consider which properties within Rusthall should go on the community assets list.

12. Cheques/Payments, Clerk’s Travel Claim and request for Book Purchase

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that there had been a refund of £90.00 from the Audit Commission. Clerk requested a payment of £151.65 for travelling expenses. This was agreed.

Clerk also requested to be able to purchase the SLCC Clerks manual at £47. This was agreed.

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT		
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
S Denne	100080	710.15	Salary
HMRC	100081	66.90	NIC and Tax
KALC	100082	144.00	Localism Conference
Donald West LLP Sols	100083	300.00	Deed of Gift
Viking	100084	71.95	Ink and folders
RBL Poppy Appeal	100085	14.25	Poppy wreath
KALC	100086	144.00	Finance Course
URC	100087	30.00	Hire of hall for the 12/11/12
SLCC	100088	47.00	Clerks Manual
Orange	DD	23.05	Mobile
TOTAL PAYMENTS		1551.30	

13. Consideration of any urgent business –

- a) Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that she had laid a wreath, on behalf of the parish Council, at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Webb attended the Tunbridge Wells Service. She also requested that residents vote for the Rusthall war Memorial in the Heart of the Community award. Details of how to vote are in the Courier.
- b) Cllr Blackburn informed the Parish Council that Cllr Jukes had asked that the Parish Council to take over the 76 Rusthall street lights. Cllr Blackburn is to email Cllr Jukes, informing him that the Parish Council may consider taking responsibility for them in 2014, as long as they have all been overhauled and working to British Standards.
- c) Cllr Codd informed the Parish Council that she had obtained three quotes for a further grit bin. The Parish Council agreed to purchase the bin from kcswebshop.co.uk at a cost of £119.19 plus vat.
- d) Cllr Benoy informed the meeting that he belongs to the Tunbridge Wells Round Table. They made £20,000 at the Tunbridge Wells fireworks display and are now looking for worthwhile causes that require grants for equipment. This can be an organisation or an individual.
- e) Cllr Lawrence felt that we should make the residents more aware of the Ash tree virus.
- f) Cllr Edwards asked the Clerk if she had had any response with regards Christmas lights donations from Rusthall traders. She replied that she had a cheque to collect from KMJ Property.
- g) Cllr Edwards asked the Parish Council to consider giving a grant to Mr Clive Roberts for the restoration of the Rusthall War Memorial. It was agreed that Mr Roberts should apply to the Parish Council, for them to consider.
Cllr Edwards suggested a site visit with the Parish Council, Clive Roberts and a member of the Tunbridge Wells planning office. This was agreed.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

Date of Next Meeting – 10th December 2012